5th March 1955]

Sandalwood oil

* 1128 *Q.*—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are manufacturing sandal-wood oil; and

(*b*) if so, the quantity produced during 1954 and the cost of its production?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, in view of the fact that there are about a thousand sandalwood trees available in Irikkur firka of Chirakkal, will the Government see that an investigation is made and the plants are utilized properly? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the Government will examine it."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" May I know whether there is a proposal for constructing a plant for the extraction of sandal-wood oil? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : " Sir, there is no such proposal at present."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions are over."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKER.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message, dated 17th February 1955, from the Governor of Madras :—

' In pursuance of Article 207, Clause (1) read with Article 199, Clause (1), sub-clause (*a*) of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby give my recommendation for the introduction in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Madras Land Revenue (Sur-charge) Amendment Bill, 1955.' "

III.—THE HON. FINANCE MINISTER'S REPLY TO THE GENERAL DISCUSSION IN THE COUNCIL ON THE BUDGET FOR 1955-56.

* SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir. I want to bring to the notice of this House and particularly to the notice of the Hon. the Minister for Finance a question about which I feel a bit strongly. This morning I found in the newspapers that the Hon. the Minister for Finance had already replied to the debate on the Budget proposals in the Legislative Council. I am raising this issue not as a matter of privilege or even as a point of order but it is a question of propriety that is involved in this. We know that